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Elba superintendent provides detailed COVID-19 update to board members during monthly meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday night, Nov. 17, for the board's regular monthly meeting, and COVID-19 was the main topic of the rather lengthy meeting.

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With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching and the end of the second nine weeks also not far behind, Superintendent Chris Moseley discussed in length the COVID-19 numbers [percentages] that Elba City Schools had been dealing with this school year.

With COVID numbers rising county and statewide, Moseley admitted it was an increased concern for all schools, but he told board members that Elba's numbers had not been too alarming at any point so far in the school year. However, he did say that there had been notification that evening [Nov. 17th] of some additional positive cases among a few high school students, but he still did not think it would be enough to

cause alarm for Elba City Schools.

"I do think things have gotten lax - not at our schools - but in society with masks and taking protections," Moseley said. "We all need to do what we can to stay safe, in the schools and away from the school."

At the elementary school, Moseley said the first nine weeks saw only 0.83 percent of students testing positive for the virus out of 350-plus students. Teachers testing positive [including a few that actually tested positive right before the start of school] for the first nine

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people. Teachers quarantined due to exposure for the first nine weeks as 5.12 percent - about two teachers, Moseley said.

For the first nine weeks of school, the superintendent said the

high school had 1.08 percent of its 280-plus students to test positive for COVID-19. That was about 2-3 students that tested positive. During that same timeframe, he said about 11.51 percent of students were sent home for quarantine due to a 'close contact' exposure.

For teachers at the high school, Moseley said there was a 16.67 percent rate for positive cases among teacher, but he noted that only equates to about four



Elba FD responded to multiple fires last Tuesday, Nov. 17...

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded to two separate fires Tuesday, Nov. 17, in Elba. The first fire was a vehicle fire in the parking lot of the Elba Gulf Travel Center on the 203 Bypass in Elba (pictured above). The cab of an 18-wheeler was fully engulfed with flames when the call came in and the firefighters responded. They were able to get this blaze under control relatively quickly and no injuries were reported.

The second fire of the day came around 6:15 p.m. Tuesday evening when the fire department was dispatched to a structure fire at 544 Adkinson Avenue in downtown Elba (pictured left). This fire destroyed a single-family home. The New Brockton Fire Department also responded to this fire to assist Elba firefighters with manpower. The homeowner was not at home when the fire started, and it was reported that officials believe faulty wiring may have caused the house fire.



Area Happenings



THREE VEHICLE WRECK SENDS FIVE TO LOCAL HOSPITALS... Local emergency personnel responded Saturday afternoon, Nov. 21, around 2:15 p.m., to a three-vehicle wreck on Alabama Highway 189 N, near Coffee County Road 359. According to Alabama State Troopers, a Chevrolet Trailblazer SUV being operated by Sharon Tillman, age 43, of Andalusia, Ala. was traveling on the wrong side of the road and struck two other vehicles, an 18-wheeler and a minivan. Tillman's vehicle and the minivan ended up off the roadway, and a fire ignited from the Trailblazer. Tillman was life-flighted to Southeast Health while four people from the minivan were transported by ambulance to Enterprise Medical Center. The driver of the 18-wheeler was not injured. Troopers said no further information was available as of press time this week.



Elba City Councilman Gappa Wise [District Two] represents the city on the Southeast Alabama Gas District Board, and on Thursday, Nov. 19, Wise delivered and presented an annual distribution check from the SE Gas District to the City of Elba. Wise (right) is shown hand-delivering the check to Mayor Tom Maddox (left). The funds will be added to the city's overall operational expenses for Fiscal Year 2021. Mayor Maddox said the City of Elba appreciates Southeast Gas for its continued relationship with Elba.



Emergency personnel respond to head-on collision

The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded at approximately 1:35 p.m. as mutual aid for the New Brockton Fire Department to this two-vehicle accident Wednesday, Nov. 18, on Alabama Highway 134 in Coffee County. A 2017 Mitsubishi Outlander (pictured here) had collided head-on with a 2003 Ford Taurus. There was entrapment in both vehicles. According to Alabama State Troopers, the Outlander was being driven by James Lanier, age 64, of Opp, Ala. and was traveling eastbound on Hwy. 134 on the wrong side of the road when it struck the Taurus being driven by Sylvia Carpenter, age 31, of Andalusia, Ala. Carpenter was transported by life flight to Southeast Health in Dothan while Lanier was transported by Enterprise Rescue to Southeast Health. Other emergency agencies assisting on scene included the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, New Brockton Police, Coffee County EMA, and Coffee County E911. State Troopers investigated the wreck.

News Brief:

On Sunday night, Nov. 22, the Elba Fire Department was dispatched at 8:43 p.m. to a structure fire at 1239 Jones Circle in Elba.

The department was able to extinguish this fire. Firefighters remained on scene nearly an hour before giving the all clear and returning to the department.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"While men inhabiting different parts of this vast continent cannot be expected to hold the same opinions, they can unite in a common objective and sustain common principles." - Franklin Pierce

The number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise all across the United States (and around the world) on a daily basis, as does the number of deaths directly related to the virus. The daily number of new virus cases is extremely hard to fathom, and unfortunately so is the number of COVID deaths. A Texas town (El Paso) has actually had to enlist the aid of the National Guard last week to handle the overwhelming volume of COVID deaths.

The above situation makes for even more reason for each of our readers to be thankful this Thanksgiving Day that they are still alive and able read the newspaper. The widespread cases of the virus has most, if not all, of us keenly aware of a friend, a relative, or neighbor who has died from the hated virus. We all know of individuals who have tested positive but survived the bug attack. Unfortunately, medical experts warn that many of these survivors will face lingering, and painful side effects of the virus in their body.

The news that a shot is "coming soon" to combat the bug causing this pandemic is exciting, but it will be months before the shot(s) are available to all Americans. Therein lies an issue that someone will have to bite the bullet and make a decision ... who gets the shots first, next, etc. Another way (but oh so crude) of describing the issue is, "Who else among us is going to die awaiting the life saving shots?"

We were at a large medical facility last Friday and a staff member commented her amazement at people who still believe it is all a hoax. She said her stock retort to them is they should see a few of the cases she witnesses daily at the hospital. There are stories floating around of people deathly sick in the hospital who refuse to admit their problem is COVID-19. They reportedly loudly demand that someone find out what is wrong with them and "fix it".

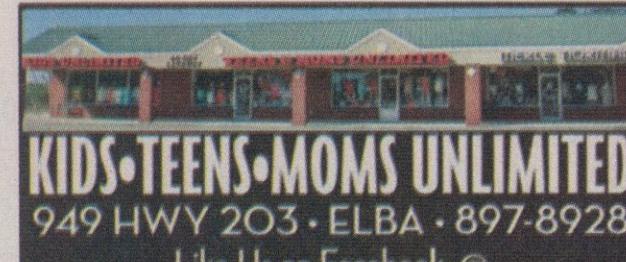
Judging by the massive coverage in newspapers, TV, radio and on social media, the United States is still fixated with the November presidential election issues. We could (and would) have a nervous breakdown simply by dwelling on all the 'what ifs' that are presented by some enterprising (or bored) journalists who frankly have no more insight into the ultimate outcomes of any of the issues than we private citizens in any part of America. As it is, we read and listen to more than we should of those articles, but then move on to the read human interest stories of the hero who saved a life, the lovers that overcame the virus to get married or the person going the extra mile to help someone going through almost impossible hard times.

On a lighter side, our lack of ability to fold fitted sheets has finally become something that can no longer be ignored. This past weekend we opened a drawer to get a set of clean sheets, all nicely folded away in a drawer. Looking at them after extracting them from their place in storage, one would only describe our earlier efforts to fold those fitted sheets as an exercise in 'wadding up'! Years ago an internet headline on some website was promoting the correct way to fold a fitted sheet ... at the time we were not interested, thinking 'anyone can fold a sheet.' Now it clearly would be a good thing to know.

EDITORIAL

Safe practices from UAB medical professionals for Thanksgiving 2020

- Wear a mask around others and when indoors
- Practice social distancing of 6 feet with those not from your immediate household
 - Wash hands before, during and after events
- Sanitize hands frequently throughout the day and while around others
- Cancel attending any in-person gatherings if you or someone in your home has any symptoms of COVID-19
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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Cuzin Lou Lou learned last week of the "Skywheel" ferris wheel in Panama City Beach, Florida having some breakdown issues.

Sister is very afraid of heights, and she was the first to tell Lou Lou about the Skywheel's troubles. Then, while visiting PCB last weekend, Lou Lou and Sister ran into a gentleman that graduated high school with Papa, and he was telling Lou Lou and Sister how the folks that got "stuck" on the ride were there for more than eight hours! There were people at the very top when the ride lost power stopped!

Lou Lou thought Sister was going to hyperventilate just hearing all this. Turns out, the rescue personnel had to utilize a crane to get to the people, and before they were able to extract them from the ride, temperatures up high had dropped into the 30's [that is where Lou Lou would have been a little crazed as she is no fan of being cold]! Fortunately, it sounded as if all ended well eventually, but Lou Lou bets her last dollar those trapped folks will never, ever take a ferris wheel ride again.

The whole story reminded Lou Lou of quite the experience she had with Sister and another relative several years ago involving a bucket-type ferris wheel. Both Sister and the relative are both scared of heights, yet they each decided they could handle this ferris wheel ride because they would be sitting inside a round bucket and would not 'have to look down' at their surroundings.

Well...neither took into account the ride would eventually stop with them on top as more riders were

gladly waving to all riders with their feet planted solidly on the concrete! Lou Lou bets some folks last week down in PCB had the same thoughts as Sister!

Also, Lou Lou bets somebody made a mad dash for the bathroom once they were down!!

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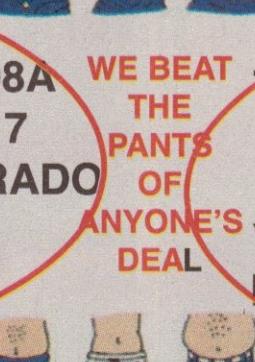
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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com**FRANCES EDNA ENGLISH**

Mrs. Frances Edna English, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at then Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Graveside services were held Nov. 21, 2020 at the Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery with Min. Philip Box officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in honor of Mrs. English be made to Elba Church of Christ.



Survivors include her husband: Francis William "Billy" English, Elba; daughter: Fran Ellen [Keith] Jackson, Huntsville, Ala.; sons: Russ [Ashley] English, Elba, and William Todd [Blanca] English, King George, Va.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

SHEILAH SIMMONS CHILDREE

Mrs. Sheilah Simmons Childree, age 70, formerly of Enterprise, Ala., died peacefully, Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at her home in Trussville, Ala.

A private graveside service was held Nov. 23, 2020 at Meadowlawn Memorial Park with Reverend John McCrummen officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Sheilah was preceded in death by her parents, Levi and Connie Simmons of

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, and Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Receiving stolen property reported at 124 Ann St (10:24 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1265 Highland Dr – animal was impounded (11:00 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 990 Hwy 203 (3:50 p.m.); Burglary reported at 671 Lee St (4:21 p.m.); Harassment reported at 304 S Simmons St (4:24 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 410 Plant Ave (5:34 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 544 Adkinson Ave (6:15 p.m.). There were two traffic stops reported on this date with no action taken on one and a verbal warning issued on one.

Wednesday, Nov. 18 – Intoxicated person reported at 992 Hwy 203 Suite 1 (9:37 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 252 Larkin Rd (12:43 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 910 Guyton St (10:15 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with a citation issued.

Thursday, Nov. 19 – Prowler reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (3:27 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 14147 Hwy 84 (2:07 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 318 Smith Ave (5:15 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Martin Luther King Dr (8:05 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1006 Payne St (10:58 p.m.).

Friday, Nov. 20 – Suspicious vehicle reported on Sunset Blvd (12:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Simmons St (8:02 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 331 County Rd 367 (8:19 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported 986 Johnson St (8:20 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Smith Ave (5:27 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1217 Lower Curtis Rd (6:52 p.m.); Reckless driver reported at 992 Hwy 203 (9:45 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date with two arrests and two verbal warn-

Enterprise, and her brother, Ted Massey Simmons.

Survivors include her daughter: Tara Owens Johnson (Bob), Elba, Ala.; son: Josh Neal Owens (Amy), Enterprise, and Robert Childree, Ozark, Ala.; her sister: Leda Kay Evans (Sam), Orlando, Fla.; grandchildren: Blake and Byron Johnson, both of Elba, Dalton and Jordan Owens, both of Enterprise; nephews: Sam L. Evans III and his son Tyler, Brian L. Evans (Katelyn) and their sons Camden and Caleb, Aaron Simmons; and niece: Ashley Simmons. She also leaves behind her special lifelong friend: William Windham and his family – Jeffrey Windham (Kim), Foley, Ala., and Amy Windham Muir (Chris), Remlap, Ala.

BETTY DELANO CARLILE

Mrs. Betty Delano Carlile, age 87, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020.

Born December 8, 1932 in Pine Level, Ala., to the late Fred Carpenter and Idahlia Whitman Carpenter, Betty lived the early years of her life in the Elba area. She was employed in the textile/sewing industry for most of her working career. She was later associated with The Stitch-It/Southeastern Apparel in the production department until her retirement.

Graveside services were held Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at Memory Hill Cemetery with Diana White and Alton Bucky Carlile officiating. Ward Wilson Funeral Home directed the services.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Elba Nursing and Rehab Activ-

ings.

Saturday, Nov. 21 – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and County Rd 501 (2:10 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 189 (2:16 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 610 Mullins Circle (9:50 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (10:46 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date with two verbal warnings, one arrest, and two no action taken.

Sunday, Nov. 22 – Report of a missing person filed at the Elba Police Department (9:37 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 765 Pinedale Dr (9:51 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (11:13 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1015 Guyton St (12:32 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 1239 Jones Circle (8:43 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 595 Collier Circle (11:09 p.m.).

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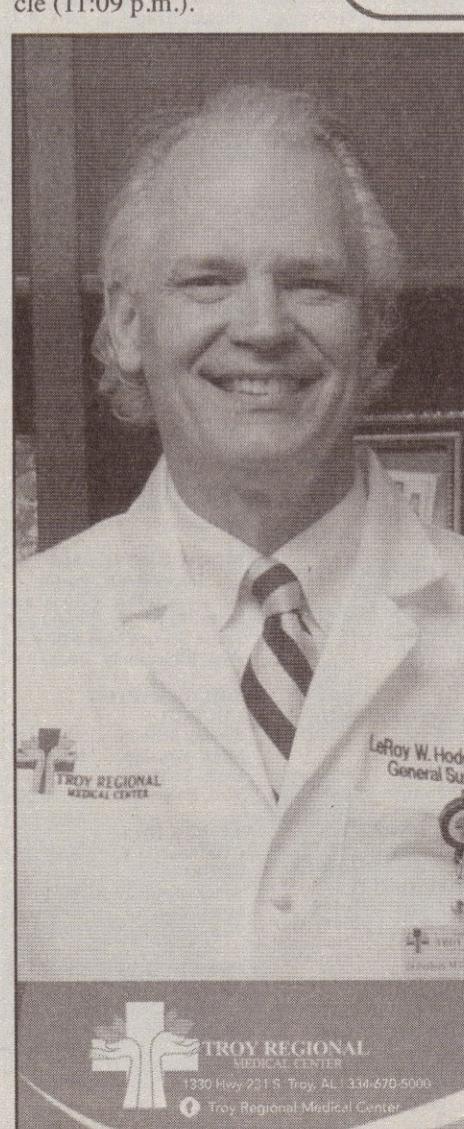
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Governor allocates \$3.6 million for Alabama Feeding Initiative

Governor Kay Ivey allocated \$3,606,104 for the Alabama Feeding Initiative. These funds will be used to reimburse food banks for COVID-related expenses.

This allocation comes from the category providing "Up to \$300,000,000 to be used to support citizens, businesses, and non-profit and faith-based organizations of the state directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic." "Alabama is a state where neighbors help neighbors, even in the most difficult times," Ivey said. "Food banks in communities across Alabama have been a lifeline for those in need, and I am proud to be able to put these funds toward the Alabama Feeding Initiative."

Extension offers webinar on raising goats

Are you a goat producer and/or forestry landowner who wants to increase your earning potential?

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Webinar Title: Raising Goats in Forestland
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Just like mourning the loss of a human being, there's no wrong way to grieve the loss of your pet. With that said, it's always important to find someone you can talk with, openly and honestly, about what you're going through. Think about friends who have pets of their own, and who you can count on to understand what you are going through.

Though it's certainly not required that you have a memorial service for your pet, doing so can sometimes provide a sense of closure. Even if it's just you and your family members gathering to say a few words in remembrance, it can be useful to you as you cope with grief.

You might also consider ways to honor and remember your pet, whether that means framing a photo or preserving some of your pet's favorite toys in a "memory box".

It's okay if your grief keeps you away from some of your typical activities, at least temporarily - but do make sure you're staying healthy. Continue to eat three nutritious meals a day, get some exercise, and allow yourself some sleep each night.

More than anything else, remember that there's no one method and no correct timeline for mourning. Be gracious with yourself and allow ample time to process your feelings of grief.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Jon Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
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THANKSLIVING

"Give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south." (Psalms 107:1-3)

I do not know who coined the word, "ThanksLIVING," but I love the idea behind the phrase. As believers, we should feel a deep sense of gratitude for the innumerable blessings God has bestowed upon us through Christ. In fact, I genuinely believe thankfulness is a vital element in our walk of faith. It is hard for bitterness to take root in a thankful heart. A heart fortified with thankfulness to God is a mighty citadel against temptation.

I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago: A young convert called on his pastor one day explaining that he could not continue serving the Lord and coming to church. The Christian had simply become too difficult; temptation too strong; his resolve too weak. However, he explained, he respected his pastor enough that he wanted to stop by his office and thank him for all he had done for him in the preceding months. The wise pastor responded, "Son, thank you for being upfront and honest with me. But, before you go, I feel you should kneel here with me in prayer to thank the Lord for His goodness over the past few months?" Respectfully, the young man knelt beside his pastor. At first, he struggled to list the blessings God had given him since his rebirth. But, after a few minutes, tears began to flow, and a flood of praise began to pour forth from the young man's lips. After a few minutes more, the young man leapt to his feet, stuck out his hand, and said, "Pastor, I'll see you Sunday morning!" Truly, one of the most effective remedies for a cooling heart is a session of thankfulness!

I thought it would be fun to share some Thanksgiving notes from a few of the children of Grace Fellowship:

"I am thankful for my house and toys." - Joash

"I am thankful for my brothers." - Katie Grace

"I am thankful for my trucks." - Easton

"I am thankful for school, even though I don't like it every day." - Lily

"I am thankful God let us live another day." - Micah

"I thank God for my family and church family." - Anna

"I am thankful for Chick-fil-A and my family." - Emily

"I am thankful for my family and friends." - Cami

"I am thankful for my church and God." - Cayden

"I am thankful for Alivya, Katie Grace, all my friends, my mom, and peanut clusters." - Bryson

"I am thankful for my family, including our dog Jack." - AnnaKate

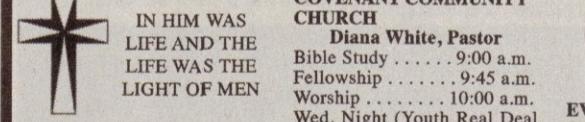
From our family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

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Happy Thanksgiving!

"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

Colossians 3:17



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Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
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Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Robert Davis, Pastor
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2nd & 4th Sundays

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Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.

Worship . . . 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAIMONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

ELANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

FATH CHAPEL

Philip Adcock, Pastor

Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.

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FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP OF HOLINESS

H. J. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.

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ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

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ELBA 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

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ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Lowell Martin, Pastor

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ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

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ELBA UNITED METHOD-ODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

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Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

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HAM UNITED METHOD-ODIST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor

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ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELBA

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weeks was a 8.11 percent-age rate.

Quarantined students due to exposure from the elementary school the first nine weeks was 7.99 percent, along with 16.69 percent of teachers quarantined over the same timeframe.

"It sounds worse when you hear the number of students being sent home for quarantine because of potential exposure," Moseley said. "However, these were good numbers overall. Our school nurse hates making those phone calls, but percentage-wise these were good numbers for our system."

For the current second nine weeks of school [through Monday, Nov. 16], Moseley said the high school had experienced 1.06 percent of students positive with the virus; but, he added that he had just learned of two additional positives cases for high school students within the hour of last Tuesday evening's board meeting. He said 11 percent of students had been quarantined so far during the second nine weeks of school.

For teachers, Moseley said 3 percent had tested positive, and 5 percent had been quarantined.

The elementary school had shown a slight increase in student positive cases for the second nine week, Moseley said, going up to 1.12 percent with 17 percent being quarantined. He said the teachers positive case rate had been 5 percent with 11 percent quarantined.

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Elba Superintendent Chris Moseley

school now with these new cases we have learned of today, but so far it has not happened with our schools."

He said the only cases they had been able to connect so far from the schools were a couple of teachers that may have contacted the virus from a student.

Looking even closer at the numbers, Elba Elementary School principal Debra Strickland said the elementary school had 72 absences on Tuesday, Nov. 17, with 50 of those being COVID-related. Elba High School assistant principal Jason Tucker said the high school had 44 absences that same day that were COVID-related.

Tucker said of 286 students at the high school only about 30 were virtual this second nine weeks. He said the high school began the year with around 80 virtual students.

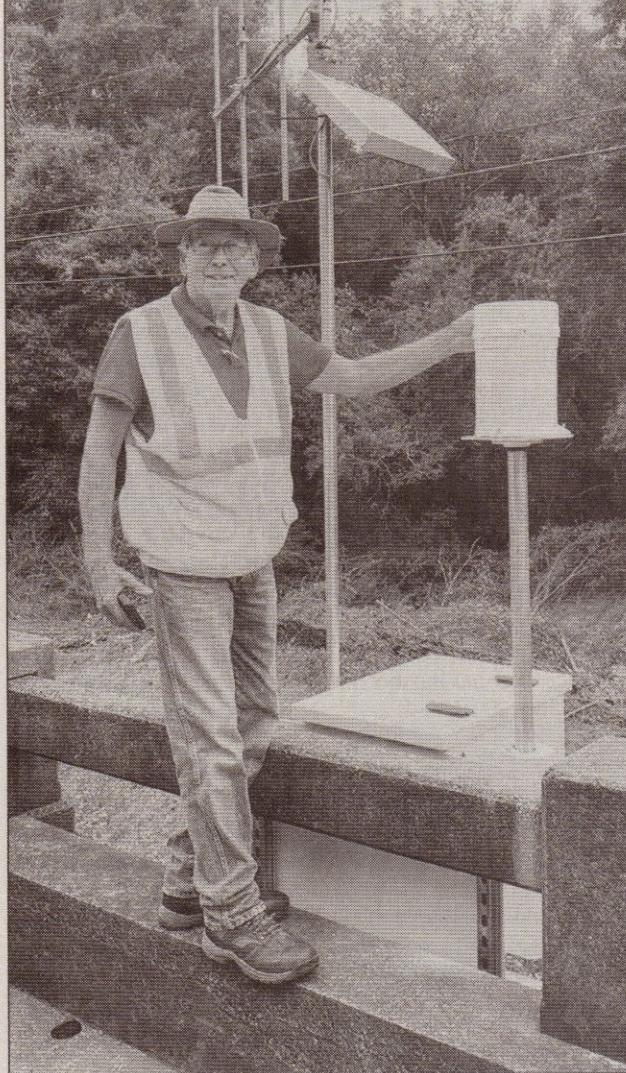
"Over half of our virtual students came back to the school for traditional learning the second nine weeks," Tucker said.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Moseley said he would keep the board and community up-to-date on things going on at Elba City Schools. He thanked everyone for their support and encouraged them to continue to follow all safety guidelines handed down from the state to help keep schools open and operating.

"Our percentages or numbers just don't make me say we can't come to school right now," Moseley said. "Those numbers would have to be way higher than they are right now for me to begin thinking."

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Flood Warning System rain and river level guages replaced



Flood Warning System specialist Bill Gautney with the new Big Creek Gauge

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPYRWMA) recently replaced four rain and river level gauges in Coffee and Dale counties. The gauges replaced include Big Creek on State Highway 87N that feeds to the Pea River, Arinton on US Highway 231N on the Pea River, Daleville 1 on State Highway 84W on Claybank Creek, and Newton located on State Highway 123N on the Choctawhatchee River. The new gauges are equipped with radar technology and are critical gauges as they monitor rainfall and river levels on the Pea River upstream of Elba and the Choctawhatchee upstream of Geneva. The gauges are a part of the CPYRWMA's basin-wide Flood Warning System (FWS).

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PROBATE COURT PC 2020-066

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CASE NO. PC 2020-031

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE MATTER OF R.M., A minor child

d/o/b 03/02/2020.

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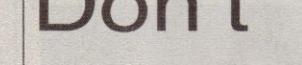
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEGGY J. BOUTWELL, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC-20-042

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to **RUSSELL LAMAR CASH** as Personal Representative of the estate of **Jane Cash**, deceased, on the 6th day

COMMUNITY NEWS

During Coffee County Commission meeting
EMA director says COVID-19 case numbers show rise for local area

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting met Monday morning, Nov. 23, and Coffee County EMA director James Brown said the numbers for new cases of COVID-19 in the county continue to go up again.

At the meeting held Nov. 11th, Brown reported the county was averaging about 18 new cases per day. On Monday, he said that number had grown to about 24 new cases per day for Coffee County.

Based on the data, Brown said it does appear the medical professionals had gotten a better handle on treating the virus as overall hospital stays seem to have shortened for those admitted with the illness. However, he said while it is good those admitted to hospitals seem to have shorter stays, as the

GARBAGE PICKUP NOTICE:

Coffee County Environmental Services director Mike Thornton said the county's residential garbage service would not operate on Thursday, Nov. 26, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. He said this week's Thursday route would shift to Friday, Nov. 27th.

numbers for cases rise so will the numbers for people admitted to hospitals.

"We worry about staffing for the hospitals," Brown said. "As numbers go up in the communities, the also go up with hospital staffs."

He added that it remains imperative for citizens to continue wearing face masks and practicing safe social distancing to try and help combat the spread of the virus.

"We do not want to reach point where there are not enough hospital beds," Brown said.

Annual Wiregrass 4-H Pig Pen Show held in New Brockton

Each year, 4-H youth from the Wiregrass have the opportunity to participate in the Wiregrass 4-H Pig Pen project.

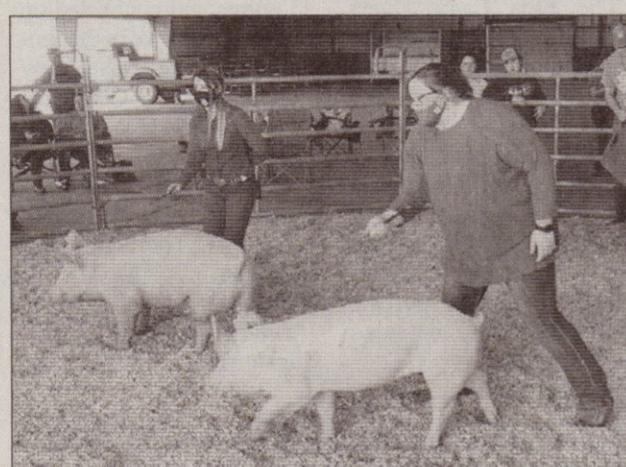
During this project, youth receive two market hogs from the swine unit at Auburn University and raise the pigs for 127 days, at which time they are judged at the culminating show. However, due to COVID-19, this year's show was moved from the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds to the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton.

A total of fifteen 4-H youth from seven counties

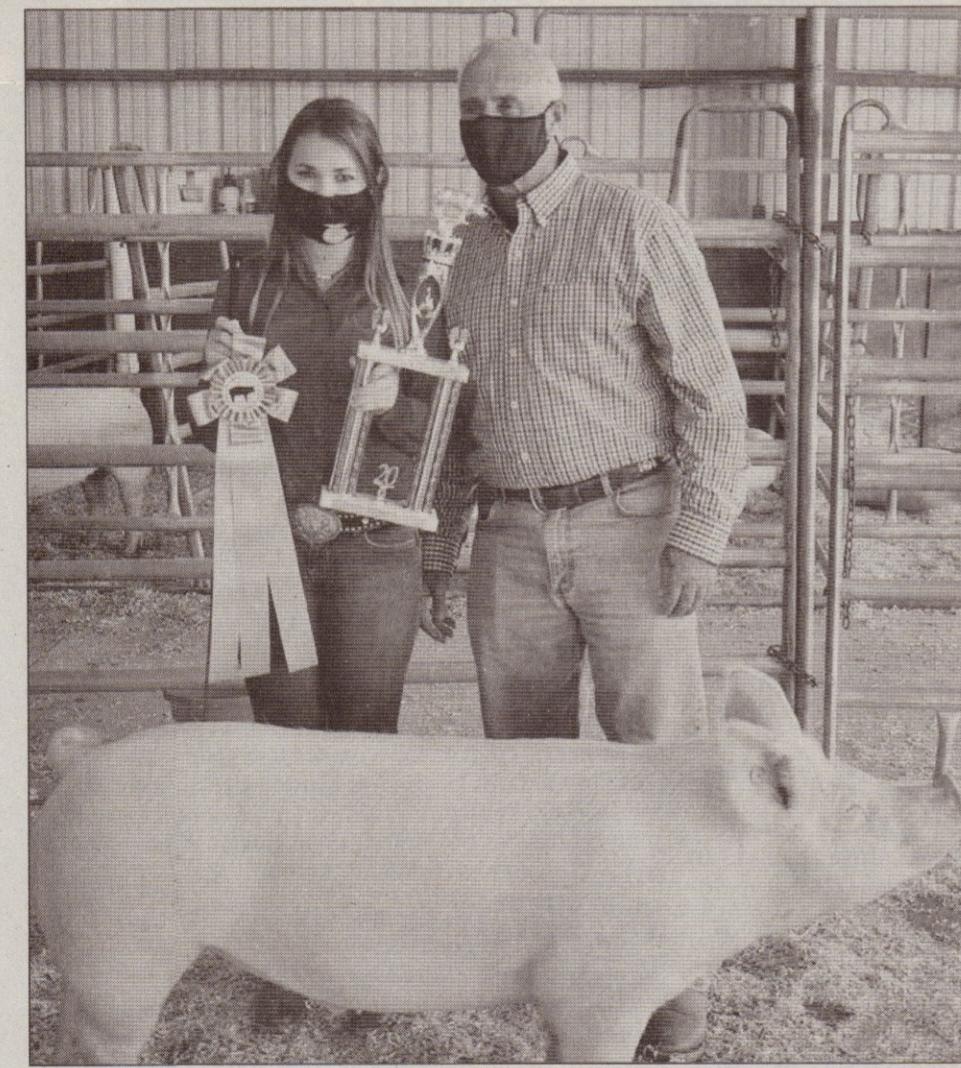
in the Wiregrass showed off their hard work in raising their pigs at the show, held earlier this month. Retired Coffee County Agent Stan Windham was the judge for the show which consisted of showmanship classes as well as market hog classes.

Participants were also required to keep a project record book that was scored as well. Once the show is completed, the youth are able to keep their hogs and determine what to do with their animals.

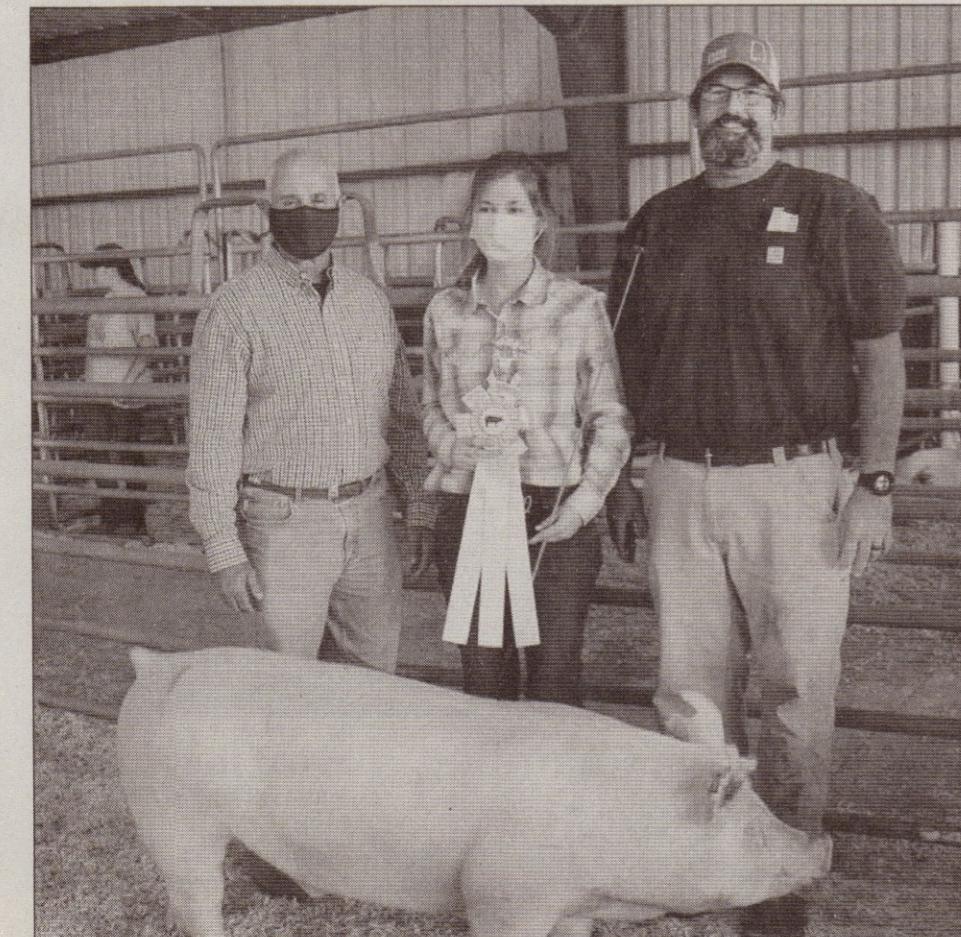
Some hogs will remain on the farm while others will be sold.



Elizabeth MacAloney - Dale County (left) and Gracie Bell - Houston County (right) show their hogs during showmanship.



Grand Champion Market Hog - Elizabeth MacAloney of the Dale County 4-H program. Pictured with MacAloney is event judge Stan Windham.



Reserve grand Champion Hog - Hope Challancin (center) from the Pike County 4-H program



The Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) held their last meeting of 2020 Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Enterprise Country Club. Part of the meeting was devoted to local law enforcement agencies. Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton, New Brockton Chief of Police Dale Grimes, and Enterprise Police Department officers CPT Darrell Griswold and LT Billy Haglund spoke on activities in their respective jurisdictions and tips on how to remain safe during the holidays. As part of RWCC's ongoing Caring for America project, "Trauma Kits for Law Enforcement," five enhanced trauma kits were given to each department. Probate Judge Jodee Thompson gave a report on the November 3 election results, and Alicia Brown, from First United Methodist Church, discussed the Angel Tree for Wiregrass Children of Prisoners. RWCC has participated in this project for several years. Pictured above, left to right: Chief Grimes, RWCC President Virginia Howard, Sheriff Sutton, RWCC 1st Vice-President Carol Boylston, CPT Griswold, and LT Haglund. In January, RWCC will resume its regular meeting schedule—the third Wednesday of the month, 11 am, at the Enterprise Country Club. Everyone is invited, but reservations are necessary (email: rwccreservations@gmail.com or phone 334-494-3763). For more information, contact RWCC President Virginia Howard at 334-477-1176.

University of Mississippi celebrates Kendall Wilkerson on honor society induction

Kendall Grace Wilkerson, of Elba, Ala., is among the more than 350 students who were inducted into the UM chapter of Phi Kappa Phi for the fall 2020-21 semester.

Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, largest and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines in its mission "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is based on a student's sound character and academic standing. Juniors must have completed 72 credit hours and rank in the top 7.5 percent of their class, while seniors and graduate students must rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

Wilkerson is pursuing a B.A. in Biological Science within the College of Liberal Arts.

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A group of volunteers posing together outdoors.

SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson was actually a little excited about getting a week off and said he was looking forward to sleeping in and eating some good food at Thanksgiving. My little man has to get up early for school and usually takes a nap whenever he sits still for more than a few minutes. So, hopefully he can catch up on his sleep and enjoy his week off.

For what it is worth....

*** **The basketball season at Elba High** was already behind most area teams due to a late start, but now the Tigers and Lady Tigers will have to wait a little longer as the effects of Covid-19 hit the school last week and resulted in most of the team being quarantined for two weeks. It now looks like it will be over six weeks between the end of football season and the beginning of basketball season, and all of the sudden many Tiger fans are just hoping the team will get to play. Elba dodged the bullet during the football season and never missed a game, but has already taken a direct hit in basketball. Looks like a crazy season ahead!

*** **The high school football playoffs** continued last week and for the teams in the south it went as expected with 11 of the 13 teams advancing being the top seeds in their regions and the other two being #2 seeds. Brantley jumped ahead early and held on late to knock off Maplesville 21-19 in a real dogfight, with Bulldog standout Tucker Kilcrease stealing the spotlight on both offense and defense, while Abbeville advanced to the semifinals for the first time ever with a 38-20 win over Isabella. Other games of note included Linden pounding Sweet Water 35-6, Leroy knocking off Lanett 28-21, and Faith rolling over UMS-Wright 37-16. With the semifinals coming up this week, two Montgomery private schools will meet in Class 3A when Montgomery Academy tangles with Montgomery Catholic, while two Mobile private schools will meet in 5A when Faith goes up against St. Paul's. I guess it is now official that Thompson is the cream of the crop in the north since it whipped Hoover 52-14 in the 7A semifinals.

*** **The NCAA was the talk of the college sports world** last week when it announced it was in negotiations to hold the 2021 college basketball tournament in Indianapolis. Indianapolis had already been chosen as the host for the Final Four, but now it looks like it will host all 68 teams that make the tournament, with all the teams confined to a 'bubble' during their stay at the tourney. The NBA used the bubble format to host its playoffs last season and all went well. So, now it looks like the NCAA will follow suit and keep all the teams confined to certain hotels and restaurants through the tournament in an attempt to avoid the Covid-19 virus. The NCAA lost over \$375 million in revenue last year when it decided to cancel the tournament, and needs to stage the event if it hopes to stay afloat. It should be an interesting few weeks ahead as more details emerge.

*** **It came as no real surprise** last week when South Carolina fired Will Muschamp as its head football coach, but for a school that is already facing a \$44 million budget deficit in its athletic department it is a little hard to figure out just where it will come up with the \$13.2 million buyout. The buyout calls for Muschamp to be paid seventy-five percent of his current salary in annual installments, which is \$3.3 million per year, for a period of four years. I'm not sure just how good a football coach Muschamp really is, but his head coaching jobs were almost 'no win' situations since he followed Urban Meyer at Florida and Steve Spurrier at South Carolina. Oh well, when you know you will make \$3.3 million for the next four years it isn't like being unemployed.

*** **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** dropped by over the weekend and declared it looks like one of the most exciting semifinal weeks ever in high school football. He wasn't too excited about all the private schools that advanced, but did say the cream rose to the top. The local guesspert hit on 10 of his 14 picks last week, and left this week's fearless forecast....

BRANTLEY VS. LINDEN

The bulldogs from up above the creek defended their territory last week against a batch of devils from up above the capital city line, and this week have to take a hike over to West Alabama to battle an army of patriots that have sent all challengers back home with a loss. The bulldogs have yet to play their best game in the post-season, and it will take just that this week to advance to the finals. In a four quarter battle....

LINDEN 26 BRANTLEY 24

OTHER PICKS:

Leroy 42 Abbeville 22
Montgomery Ac. 38 Montgomery Catholic 21
American Ch. 41 Handley 28
St. Paul's 28 Faith 17
Spanish Fort 31 Saraland 28
Thompson 45 Auburn 24



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Sweep Geneva and New Brockton Junior Tigers close season with 12-2 record

The Elba Tigers hit the basketball court twice last week and posted two impressive wins to close the junior high season with a 12-2 record.

Following are highlights of both wins:

Elba 57 Geneva 26

The Elba Tigers jumped out to an early 20-0 lead and coasted in with a lopsided 57-26 road win over the Geneva Panthers. Alvin Henderson and Dominic Griffin combined for 14 points in the opening quarter to help the Tigers take charge, and the Tigers never looked back as they rolled to the big win.

Dominic Griffin scored 21 points and Jacob Watkins added 11 to lead Elba, while Alvin Henderson added 8.

Elba (57): Reed 2, Henderson 8, Johnson 5, Griffin 21, Watkins 11, Adkins 4, Solomon 2, Hammonds 4.

Lady Tigers fall in finale

The Elba Lady Tigers closed their junior high basketball season with a 10-3 record last week after falling on the road 48-25 to the Geneva Lady Panthers.

Elba fell behind 11-3 in the opening quarter and was outscored in all four quarters as they never threatened to pull out the win against the undefeated Lady Panthers.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored

Semifinals set for playoffs

Eight of the 24 teams advancing to the AHSAA 2020 State Football Playoff Semifinal Round this week reached the semis in 2019.

Four defending state champions suffered defeats in the quarterfinals with Oxford (6A) falling to Pinson Valley; Central, Clay County (5A) losing to St. Paul's Episcopal; UMS-Wright (4A), also losing in the 5A quarterfinals to Faith Academy; and Lanett (1A), beaten in the Class 2A third round by Leroy.

Class 7A defending state champion Thompson (13-0) downed Hoover 52-14 and Auburn (11-1) beat 3019 Class 7A runner-up Central-Phenix City 35-17 to advance to the Super 7 championship game set for December 2.

Unbeaten teams advancing to the semifinals Nov. 27 include: **Class 1A:** Brantley (13-0); Linden (13-0); **Class 2A:** none; **Class 3A:** Montgomery Academy (13-0); Fyffe (13-0); **Class 4A:** American Christian (13-0); **Class 5A:** St. Paul's Episcopal (13-0); and Ramsay (12-0).

The semifinal pairings and third-round playoff results are listed.

Seaminal Pairings

Friday, November 27

CLASS 1A

Brantley (13-0) at Linden (13-0)

Pickens County (10-3) at Berry (11-1)

CLASS 2A

Abbeville (11-1) at Leroy (11-1)

Spring Garden (12-1) at Mars Hill Bible (11-2)

CLASS 3A

Montgomery Catholic (11-2) at Montgomery Academy (13-0)

Piedmont (12-1) at Fyffe (13-0)

CLASS 4A

American Christian (13-0) at Alabama Christian (10-3)

Fyffe (13-0) at Handley (11-1)

CLASS 5A

Handley (11-1) at St. Paul's Episcopal (13-0)

Gordo (12-1) at Etowah (10-2)

CLASS 6A

Etowah (10-2) at Pleasant Grove (10-2)

Gordo (12-1) at Spring Garden (12-1)

CLASS 7A

Etowah (10-2) at Gordo (12-1)

Mars Hill Bible (11-2) at Spring Garden (12-1)

Pleasant Grove (10-2) at Etowah (10-2)

Ramsay (12-0) at Gordo (12-1)

Spring Garden (12-1) at Mars Hill Bible (11-2)

St. Paul's Episcopal (13-0) at Handley (11-1)

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SPORTS NEWS

Brantley ousts Maplesville 21-19

SURVIVE AND ADVANCE!

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs and Maplesville Red Devils butted heads Friday night in the third round of the Class 1A football playoffs and after 48-minutes of big plays on both sides of the ball it was the Bulldogs that advanced to semifinal action with an exciting 21-19 win, at David Lowery Stadium, in Brantley.

Brantley put the ball in play at its own 38-yardline to open the game after a short kickoff and needed only two plays to reach the endzone, as on the second play from scrimmage Tucker Kilcrease fired a pass to Kenuwyn Dixon near the sidelines, and from there Dixon did the rest as he avoided a defender and raced 56 yards for a touchdown. Carson Jones kicked the extra-point, and with only 25-seconds gone off the clock the Bulldogs were already on top 7-0.

Brantley turned the ball over on downs at the Maplesville 29-yardline on its next possession, but got the ball back at its own 21-yardline after a Red Devil punt and this time went 79 yards in ten plays to extend its lead. Robert Shine rushed for 36 yards on three carries and Tucker Kilcrease completed 3 of 4 passes for 44 yards to lead the Bulldogs down the field, with the score coming on a 10-yard touchdown toss from Kilcrease to Daquan Pittman.

Jones added the extra-point as Brantley upped its lead to 14-0 with 11:05 remaining in the second quarter.

The Red Devils were down, but determined to get back in the game, and did just that as they reached the endzone on their next two possessions to pull within 14-13 at the half. The two Maplesville scoring drives covered 67 and 70 yards and ate up almost ten minutes off the clock, as the Red Devils cut into the Brantley lead and kept the high-powered Bulldog offense off the field.

The first Red Devil scoring drive went 67 yards in eight plays, with Jackson Abbott sparking the drive as he completed two passes for 24 yards and rushed for 37 yards, including an 8-yard touchdown run up the middle. The extra-point attempt sailed wide, but with 6:37 left in the second quarter the Red Devils had pulled within 14-6.

Maplesville regained possession at its own 30-yardline after the only Brantley punt of the game, and this time went 70 yards in 12 plays to get back into the endzone. The Red Devils faced a first down and 25 at the Brantley 42-yardline after a pair of penalties, but overcame the penalty flags and got back on the scoreboard when on fourth down and five Jackson Abbott connected with Cole Gray in the middle of the field with a 22-yard touchdown pass.

Abbott added the extra-point, and with two-seconds left in the half the Bulldogs lead was down to 14-13.

Brantley began its initial possession of the third quarter at its own 15-yardline after a Maplesville punt and went 85 yards in ten plays to extend its lead. The Bulldogs converted two third down situations and one fourth down play on the long scoring drive, as they moved the chains on third down on passes from Kilcrease to Taye Person for 10-yards, and from Kilcrease to Morrell Edwards for 28 yards. The big fourth down play went for a score as Kenuwyn Dixon took a direct snap in the backfield and raced untouched 29 yards for a touchdown.

Jones again added the extra-point as Brantley pushed its



Brantley Bulldog Kenuwyn Dixon (1) is off and running on a 56-yard touchdown reception after pulling in a pass on the second play of last week's 21-19 win over Maplesville.



Brantley Bulldog head football coach Roland Jones celebrates with his team on the field after last week's 21-19 playoff win over Maplesville.

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Brantley Bulldog Morrell Edwards (8) dives for first down yardage in last week's 21-19 win over Maplesville. The Bulldogs will travel to Linden this week in 1A semifinal playoff action.

lead to 21-13 with 6:50 left in the third quarter.

Maplesville went three and out on its ensuing possession, but then got a big break when a swing pass from Kilcrease to Shine was ruled a lateral, and a Red Devil defender scooped up the loose ball and rambled to the Bulldog 1-yardline. Two plays later Jackson Abbott scored on a quarterback sneak as the Devil pulled within 21-19 with 4:32 left in the quarter. Abbott kept on an option on a two-point try, but Brantley's Tucker Kilcrease met the Devil back in the hole for a stop that preserved the Bulldogs 21-19 lead.

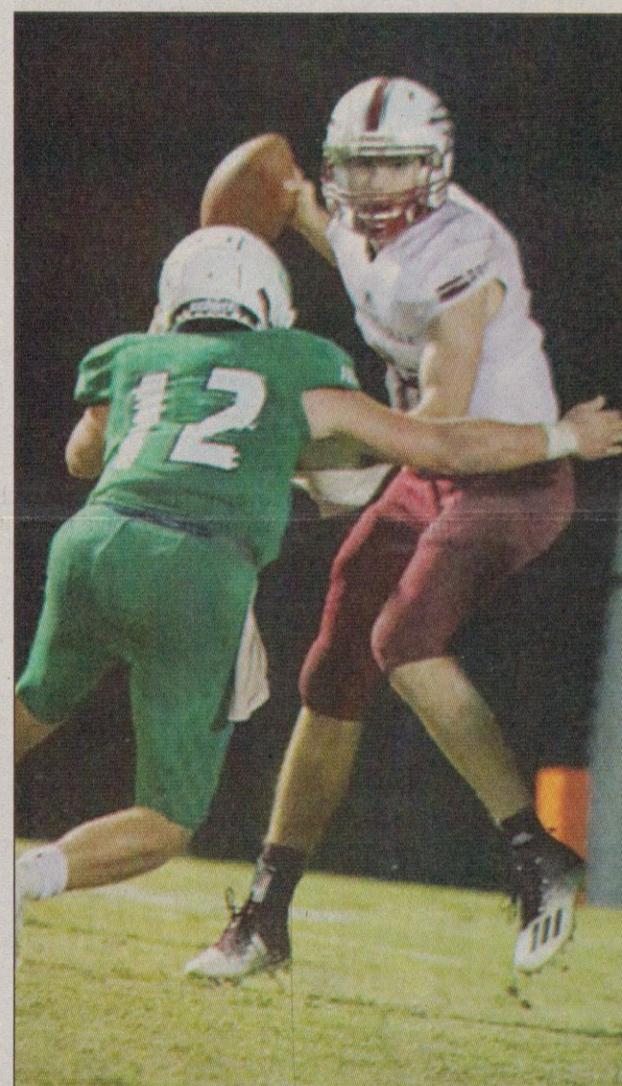
Brantley failed to move the chains on its next two offensive series, but regained possession at its own 23-yardline after a Devil punt and went on a nine play drive that ate up over five minutes off the clock and ended at the Maplesville 8-yardline. Tucker Kilcrease rushed for 31 yards on three carries and completed two of three passes for 31 yards during the long drive down the field. However, the 'Dogs came away empty-handed and gave the ball back to Maplesville with 4:30 remaining on the clock.

Maplesville moved out to a first down at its own 34-yardline in just three plays, but the Bulldogs Tucker Kilcrease came through with back-to-back quarterback sacks that resulted in a loss of 22 yards, and then swatted down a fourth down pass near midfield as Brantley held on to claim the 22-19 win.

Tucker Kilcrease rushed for 31 yards on 9 carries and completed 14 of 26 passes for 218 yards and 2 touchdowns, and Kenuwyn Dixon added 35 yards and one td on three totes and caught 8 passes for 131 yards and one td to lead the Brantley offense, while Robert Shine rushed for 68 yards on 9 carries and Daquan Pittman pulled in 3 passes for 41 yards and one td.

Jackson Abbott scored two rushing touchdowns and completed 12 of 24 passes for 113 yards and one td to lead Maplesville. Brantley began its initial possession of the third quarter at its own 15-yardline after a Maplesville punt and went 85 yards in ten plays to extend its lead. The Bulldogs converted two third down situations and one fourth down play on the long scoring drive, as they moved the chains on third down on passes from Kilcrease to Taye Person for 10-yards, and from Kilcrease to Morrell Edwards for 28 yards. The big fourth down play went for a score as Kenuwyn Dixon took a direct snap in the backfield and raced untouched 29 yards for a touchdown.

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Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) sacks Maplesville quarterback. Kilcrease sacked the qb on back-to-back plays for 22 yards in losses to help seal the third round win.

Brantley hits the road for semifinal clash with Linden

Two of the state's top small school football powers will tangle Friday night in the semifinals of the Class 1A playoffs when the undefeated (13-0) Brantley Bulldogs challenge the undefeated (13-0) Linden Patriots, in Linden.

The two teams have met a total of six times with the series tied at 3-3. Linden won the last meeting 41-0 in 2015 in the third round of the playoffs, while Brantley has won three of the four playoff meetings.

Brantley, the top-ranked team during the regular season in the 1A ranks, has outscored its opponents 615-96 in rolling to its perfect 13-0 record, and in three playoff wins has outscored its opponents by a combined score of 134-34. The Bulldogs are 8-3 all-time in semifinal action.

Brantley has 13 seniors on its roster that have posted a 31-6 record the last three seasons, including 5 playoff wins.

Linden has won four state championships, but none since 1964, and is 2-4 all-time in semifinal games. The Patriots have a roster that includes 14 seniors that have posted a 31-6 record the last three seasons, including seven playoff wins.

The Patriots have posted wins over Pickens County 36-0, Keith 44-0, J.F. Shields 50-16, Hillcrest 28-12, Central Hayneville 47-6, Aliceville 34-6, Marengo 47-14, McKenzie 50-13 and Sweet Water 35-6, with forfeit wins over Sumter Central, Ellwood Christian, R.C. Hatch and A.L. Johnson.

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A member of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170

Elba's Tommy Morrow elected State Grand Master for Alabama Masons

The 200th Annual Communication of Alabama Free and Accepted Masons was held Tuesday, Nov. 10, in Montgomery, Ala. with 280 Lodges from the State represented.

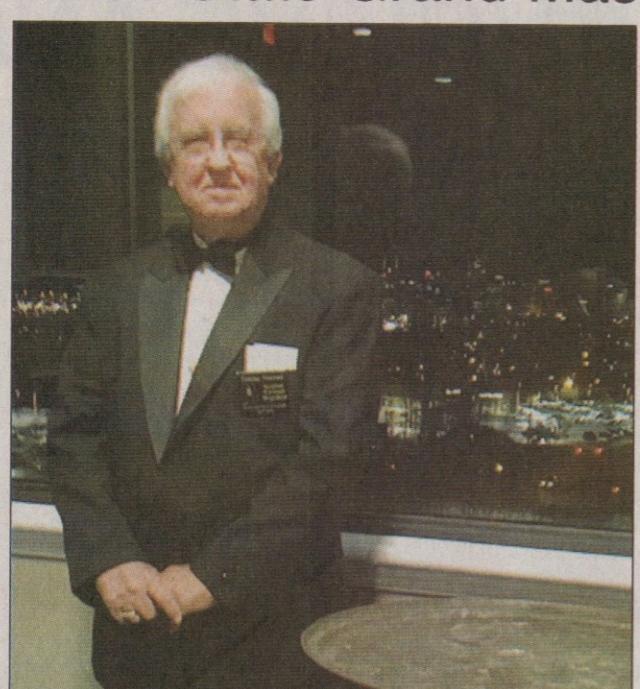
Tommy Morrow of Elba was elected as the State Grand Master and will serve as the organization's highest ranking officer during this bicentennial year.

Other appointed officers from the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 were Wendell Black appointed as Deputy Grand Tiler and Kenneth Neil Amison appointed as Junior Grand Deacon. Although unverified at the moment Brother Amison is believed to be the youngest Officer to serve in the Alabama Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Harry Young, who serves as the Elba Lodge's secretary and is a member of the State Community Outreach Committee, was named Mason of the Year for District 4. District 4 encompasses the central-southeast corner of the state.

Landmark Park's Victorian Christmas will be Dec. 13th

Join Landmark Park, Dothan, Ala., on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 1-4 p.m. for the annual Victorian Christmas! This open house brings about 3,000 visitors to the park for Christmas music, arts and crafts, a circuit riding preacher and more. Admission to visitors is free and visitors are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for donation to the Food Bank.



Tommy Morrow has been elected the State Grand Master for the Alabama Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170.



Elba's Kenneth Neil Amison has been appointed as Junior Grand Deacon for Alabama.



Wendell Black, of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, has been appointed as Deputy Grand Tiler for Alabama.

Elba Masonic Lodge set to host annual chili cook off

On Monday evening, Nov. 30, the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 will hold its annual Elba Pot Full of Fun Chili Cook Off.

Entries are free as is the fun! This event is open to the public to attend.

The Lodge is located on Larkin Road in Elba, Ala.

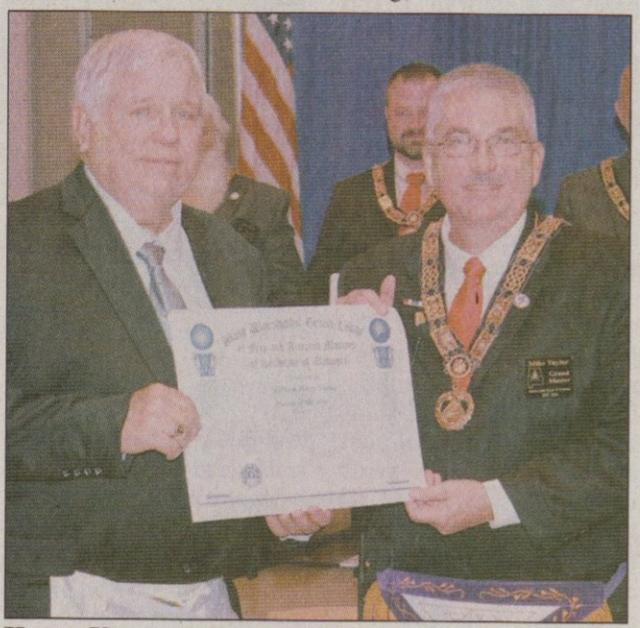
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Harry Young (left), who serves as the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 secretary and is a member of the State Community Outreach Committee, was named Mason of the Year for District 4, encompassing the central-southeast corner of the state.

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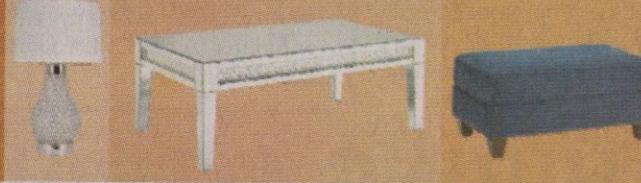
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